

Neighborhood Planning Assembly Minutes



NPA:
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Wards 1 & 8	Wards 2 & 3	Wards 4 & 7	Ward 5	Ward 6	All Wards
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Date of Assembly: Wednesday, 08/25/2021

Start Time: (Commence): 7:04 PM

Location: Zoom and Community Room, Robert Miller Community and Recreation Center, 130 Gosse Court, Burlington, VT 05408

Finish Time: (Adjourn): 9:03 PM

Note taker: Kirsten Wilson (CEDO)

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Jeff Clark (Ward 4), Eric Corbman (Ward 4), Evan Litwin (Ward 4), Matt Hurlburt (Ward 7), and Jeff Comstock (Ward 7)

Discussion Topics

- 7:00-7:10 Introductions & Purpose
- 7:10-7:20 Resolution Overview & Ad Hoc Committee Expectations – Councilors Sarah Carpenter & Mark Barlow
- 7:20-7:30 Nominations for Ad Hoc Committee Representatives
- 7:30-8:00 Nominee Introductions & Qualification/Interest Statements
- 8:00-8:30 Q&A Session/Dialogue - Candidates & NPA Participants
- 8:30-9:00 Elections for Ad Hoc Committee Representatives
- 9:00 Adjourn

Actions Taken / Decisions Made

- Ward 4 NPA members elected Jim Holway as Ward 4 representative to the Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting.
- Ward 7 NPA members elected Robert Bristow Johnson as Ward 7 representative to the Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting.
- Olivia Taylor unanimously elected by Ward 7 NPA members to the Ward 7 NPA Steering Committee.

Zoom Attendees:

Councilor Ali Dieng	Eric Corbman Ward 4	Councilor Mark Barlow	Robert Hooper
Annie Lawson (she/her)	Evan Litwin (W-4)	Martine Gulick	Councilor Sarah Carpenter
Birgit Bozek	Jeff Clark	Matt Hurlburt	Stephen Hamlin ward 7
CharlieG	Jeff Comstock	Nancy Comstock	Thomas Fleury
Cliff Cooper	Jim Holway	Olivia (Muffie) Ward 7	TOWN MEETING TV
Deb Bouton	Lea Terhune	Olivia Taylor (she/her)	
Ellen Cooper	Maricela Constantino	Robert Bristow-Johnson	

In-Person Attendees at the Miller Center:

Dave Hartnett	Kirsten Wilson - CEDO	Lynn Bundy
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Agenda Items and Actions:

- Introductions & Purpose
 - SC Member Matt Hurlburt opened the meeting with basic ground rules.
 - Matt outlined the agenda for the evening regarding the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee.
 - Roll call for Wards 4 and 7 NPA members.

- Resolution Overview & Ad Hoc Committee Expectations – *Councilors Sarah Carpenter & Mark Barlow*
 - Councilors Carpenter and Barlow spoke on the City Council Resolution Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting for 2021.
 - The vote tonight is to elect two representatives to the 8-person Committee that will elicit public input on the ward configurations and the configuration of elected officials to City Council.
 - Committee will meet in September and October to plan two community meetings and synthesize their findings as a written recommendation for City Council.
 - City Council will then write a resolution for redistricting. Goal is to have a ballot item for voters by Town Meeting Day, March 2022.
 - As of now, we know that the Burlington population has increased, but do not know whether we are federally required to redraw ward lines.
 - According to a press release from the Mayor’s Office, the Burlington population has increased 2,326 people since the last Census in 2010, but we do not know where the changes are yet.
 - NPA members asked the Councilors questions regarding the redistricting process and the Ad Hoc Committee.
- Nominations for Ad Hoc Committee Representatives
 - Ward 4 Nominations:
 - Jim Holway self-nominated.
 - Lea Terhune nominated Ellen Cooper.
 - Evan Litwiń nominated Lea Terhune.
 - Lea Terhune nominated Evan Litwiń – Evan declined.
 - The Coopers nominated Jeff Clark– Jeff declined.
 - Ward 7 Nominations:
 - Olivia Milens nominated Deb Bouton.
 - Nancy Comstock nominated Jeff Comstock.
 - Robert Bristow Johnson self-nominated.
- Nominee Introductions & Qualification/Interest Statements
 - Ward 4 and 7 Nominees spoke on their interest in the role and what they would bring to the Ad Hoc Committee.
- Q&A Session/Dialogue - Candidates & NPA Participants
 - Deb Bouton withdrew their candidacy for the Ward 4 representative due to time commitments.
 - NPA members asked nominees questions regarding their candidacy.
- Elections for Ad Hoc Committee Representatives
 - Ward 4 Representative Vote for Ad Hoc Committee Representatives: Jim Holway - 6 votes, Ellen Cooper - 5 votes, Lea Terhune - 2 votes.
 - ACTION: Ward 4 NPA members elected Jim Holway as Ward 4 representative to the Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting.
 - Ward 7 Representative Vote: Robert Bristow Johnson - 5 votes, Jeff Comstock - 3 votes.
 - ACTION: NPA members elected Robert Bristow Johnson as Ward 7 representative to the Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting.
- Announcements:
 - Olivia Taylor nominated by Nancy Comstock to join the NPA Ward 7 Steering Committee. Seconded by Thom Fleury. Olivia spoke on her nomination and interest in the Steering Committee role.

- ACTION: Olivia Taylor unanimously elected by Ward 7 NPA members to the Ward 7 NPA Steering Committee.
- NPA members Deb Bouton, Maricela Constantino, and Birgit Bozek were nominated to join the Wards 4&7 NPA Steering Committee. They all expressed interest in learning more about the NPA Steering Committee and were invited to join the NPA's next Steering Committee planning meeting.
- Jim Holway gave a community announcement regarding a New North End Business Association. Please be in touch with Jim if you are interested in the Association or in joining its planning committee.